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SUBJECT: U.S. YOUNG LAWYERS REQUEST FOR NAMES OF POSSIBLE
INVITEES

REF: SECSTATE 121766

1. REFTEL REQUESTED EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUNG LAWYERS
TO BE INVITED TO THE YOUNG LAWYERS'S DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN
BAR ASSOCIATION 'YLD/ABA) MEETING AND FOR DISCUSSION TOPICS.
EMBASSY RECOMMEJNDS THAT YLD CONSIDER DISCUSSION OF THE
ISSUE OF CONSULAR ACCESS AND ITS RELATION TO NATIONAL SECURITY
CONCERNS, MILITARY GOVERNMENT DECREES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. YLD
MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER DISCUSSION OF ROLE OF TRADITIONAL
LAW IN A SOCIETY WITH BOTH EUROPEAN (CODE OR COMMON) LAW
SYSTEM AND TRADITIONAL LEGAL SYSTEM.

2. EMBAY HAS IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING YOUNG LAWYERS WHO APPEAR
TO BE LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR SUCH A MEETING. WE HAVE NOT CON-
TACTED ANY OF THEM AND CANNOT COMMENT ON THEIR AVAILABILITY
TO ATTEND.

--EJIWUNMI, A.C. SOLICITOR GENERAL AND PERMANENT
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, LAGOS STATE.

EJIWUNMI IS AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT ARTICULATE
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YOUNG MAN. HE WAS TRAINED IN ENGLAND AND HAS BEEN
INVOLVED THROUGH HIS POSITION WITH A WIDE VARIETY
OF LEGAL PROBLEMS. HE IS A NATIVE OF BENDEL STATE,
APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS OLD.

--KUYE, MRS. PRISCILLA O. PRACTICING LAWYER WITH
PRISCILLA O. KUYE & CO. SHE SPECIALIZES IN ESTATE
MATTERS, TRADEMARK AND PATENT REGISTRATION, COMMERCIAL

PRACTICE AND TRADE DISPUTES. SHE STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, GRAY'S INN AND THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL. SHE HAS BEEN IN PRACTICE FOR TEN YEARS. MRS. KUYE IS 37 YEARS OLD AND A NATIVE OF LAGOS. --NTEM, MISS IDONGESIT. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, UYO, CROSS RIVER STATE. MISS NTEM RECEIVED A JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST AWARD IN 1969 AS THE AUTHOR OF ONE OF THE BEST ENGLISH LANGUAGE ESSAYS BY NIGERIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT YEAR. SHE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS AND THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL. SHE RECEIVED A JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOLAR AWARD TO ATTEND COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL IN NEW YORK. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS 1974-1975 AND EMPLOYED BY THE SOKOTO STATE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FROM 1975 TO 1976 BEFORE GOING TO COLUMBIA. SINCE HER RETURN SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CROSS RIVER STATE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. SHE IS 27 YEARS OLD AND A NATIVE OF CROSS RIVER STATE.

--OBOZUWA, DR. AUGUSTINE U., COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, XENDEL STATE. FOLLOWING INITIAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, DR. OBOZUWA ATTENDED DUKE (LL.B) AND NORTHWESTERN (LL.M.) IN THE U.S. HE WAS A LECTURER IN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS 1971-1976 AND RAPPORTEUR FOR THE CONSTITUTION DRAFTING COMMITTEE 1975-1976 WHICH PREPARED THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE NEW NIGERIAN CONSTITUTION. HE PRACTICED LAW FOR ONE YEAR IN 1971 AND WROTE A FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLUMN FOR THE NIGERIAN OBSERVER

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1974-1975. HE IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH ETHIOPE PUBLISHING COMPANY IN BENIN WHICH PUBLISHED HIS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION ENTITLED THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION. HE RECEIVED A US GOVERNMENT GRANT TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN 1977. HE IS 36 YEARS OLD AND A NATIVE OF BENDEL STATE.

--OKOYE, FELIX CHUKWUEMEKA. PRACTICING LAWYER WITH FELIX CHUCKS OKOYE & CO. OKOYE STUDIED AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AND GRAY'S INN, LONDON. HE HOLDS AN LL.B. AND PH.D. AND HAS BEEN IN PRIVATE PRACTICE FOR SEVEN YEARS SPECIALIZING IN COMMERCIAL, OIL AND GAS, REAL ESTATE, CIVIL CASES AND TRADE DISPUTES. IN 1975 HE WAS SECRETARY OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF NIGERIA'S FOREMOST EXPERTS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HE IS 35 YEARS OLD AND ALTHOUGH BORN IN PLATEAU STATE IS AN IBO.

--YONWUREN, THOMPSON A. PRACTICING LAWYER WITH THOMPSON YONWUREN & CO. HE ATTENDED THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (LL.B. AND YALE LAW SCHOOL (LL.M.) HE HAS PRACTICED SIX YEARS AND SPECIALIZES IN COMMERCIAL LAW, COMPANY INCORPORATION, IMMIGRATION, PATENTS AND DESIGNS.

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